

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3.(canceled)

4.(original) A patient support apparatus comprising:

a base,

a frame coupled to the base, the frame including a storage portion,

a deck coupled to the frame, the deck including a head section, a seat section and first and second laterally spaced apart outer leg support sections adjacent the seat section, the seat section and the first and second outer leg support sections being configured to define a central opening therebetween,

a removable center leg support configured for movement between a first position located within the central opening and coupled to the deck to provide a portion of the deck and a second storage position detached from the deck and located in the storage portion of the frame and below the deck,

a mattress including a head section, a seat section, and a pair of outer leg support sections configured to be located on the respective head, seat, outer leg support sections of the deck, and a center mattress section configured to be located on the center leg support, and

first and second flexible portions coupled between the seat section of the mattress and the first and second outer leg support sections of the mattress, respectively, to permit relative movement between the first and second outer leg sections of the mattress and the seat section of the mattress.

5-7.(canceled)

8.(original) A patient support apparatus comprising:

a base,

a frame coupled to the base, the frame including a storage portion,

a deck coupled to the frame, the deck including a head section, a seat section and first and second laterally spaced apart outer leg support sections adjacent the seat section, the seat section and the first and second outer leg support sections being configured to define a central opening therebetween,

a removable center leg support configured for movement between a first position located within the central opening and coupled to the deck to provide a portion of the deck and a

second storage position detached from the deck and located in the storage portion of the frame and below the deck,

wherein the frame is formed to include a first receptacle and the deck is formed to include a second receptacle, and

a removable calf support having a mounting portion configured to be located in the first receptacle to store the removable calf support beneath the deck, the mounting portion being configured to be located in the second receptacle to support a patient's leg above the deck.

9.(original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the frame has a longitudinal axis, and wherein the mounting portion of the calf support is configured to extend in a direction generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the frame when the removable calf support is located in the first receptacle, the mounting portion of the removable calf support being configured to extend in a direction generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the frame when the removable calf support is in the second receptacle.

10-22.(canceled)

23.(original) A patient support apparatus comprising:

a base,

a frame coupled to the base, the frame having a head end and a foot end,

a deck coupled to the frame, the deck being movable relative to the frame along a longitudinal axis of the frame toward the foot end of the frame,

a latch coupled between the deck and the frame, the latch movable between a latched position to prevent movement of the deck relative to the frame and an unlatched position to allow longitudinal movement of the deck relative to the frame, and

an actuator coupled to the latch to move the latch between the latched and unlatched positions, the actuator being coupled to the deck adjacent a foot end portion of the deck for access by a caregiver while moving the deck toward the foot end of the frame,

a siderail pivotably coupled to the frame by first and second swing arms, and

a cam surface coupled to the deck, the cam surface being configured to engage the first swing arm as the deck moves relative to the frame to pivot the siderail outwardly relative to the frame.

24.(original) A patient support apparatus comprising:

a base,

a frame coupled to the base, the frame being formed to include a first receptacle,

a deck configured to support the patient, the deck being formed to include a second receptacle, and

a removable calf support having a mounting portion configured to be located in the first receptacle to store the removable calf support beneath the deck, the mounting portion being configured to be located in the second receptacle to support a patient's leg above the deck.

25.(original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the frame has a longitudinal axis, and wherein the mounting portion of the calf support is configured to extend in a direction generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the frame when the removable calf support is located in the first receptacle, the mounting portion of the removable calf support being configured to extend in a direction generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the frame when the removable calf support is in the second receptacle.

26.(original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the calf support includes a calf support surface coupled to the mounting portion by an adjustable linkage.

27-33.(canceled)

34.(original) A patient support apparatus comprising:

a base,

a frame coupled to the base, the frame including first and second channels which are spaced apart and configured to extend along a longitudinal axis of the frame,

a deck coupled to the frame, the deck being configured to support the patient,
first and second lifting mechanisms coupled to the base, the first lifting mechanism being pivotably coupled to the frame, and

a coupler coupled to the second lifting mechanism, the coupler including first and second rollers located in the first and second channels of the frame, respectively, to couple the second lifting mechanism to the frame, thereby permitting movement of the coupler and the second lifting mechanism relative to the frame,

wherein the coupler includes a bar coupled to a top end of the second lifting mechanism and extending generally transverse to the longitudinal axis of the frame, the first roller being coupled to a first end of the bar and the second roller being coupled to a second end of the bar.

35.(original) A patient support apparatus comprising:

a base,

a frame coupled to the base, the frame including first and second channels which are spaced apart and configured to extend along a longitudinal axis of the frame,

a deck coupled to the frame, the deck being configured to support the patient,
first and second lifting mechanisms coupled to the base, the first lifting mechanism being pivotably coupled to the frame, and

a coupler coupled to the second lifting mechanism, the coupler including first and second rollers located in the first and second channels of the frame, respectively, to couple the second lifting mechanism to the frame, thereby permitting movement of the coupler and the second lifting mechanism relative to the frame,

wherein the first channel is an open channel and the second channel is a closed channel.

36.(original) A patient support apparatus comprising:

a base,

a frame coupled to the base, the frame including first and second channels which are spaced apart and configured to extend along a longitudinal axis of the frame,

a deck coupled to the frame, the deck being configured to support the patient,

first and second lifting mechanisms coupled to the base, the first lifting mechanism being pivotably coupled to the frame,

a coupler coupled to the second lifting mechanism, the coupler including first and second rollers located in the first and second channels of the frame, respectively, to couple the second lifting mechanism to the frame, thereby permitting movement of the coupler and the second lifting mechanism relative to the frame,

first and second deck rollers coupled to the deck, the first deck roller being located in the first channel and the second deck roller being located in the second channel to permit longitudinal movement of the deck relative to the frame,

a siderail pivotably coupled to the frame by first and second swing arms, and

a cam surface coupled to the deck, the cam surface being configured to engage the first swing arm as the deck moves relative to the frame to pivot the siderail outwardly relative to the frame.